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HSZC Sangha News & Events 2016



HARTFORD STREET ZEN CENTER

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Schedule:

mondays

- * 7:00 am zazen (sitting meditation)
- * 7:40 am morning service - (chanting service)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm evening chanting service

* last monday of each month, no morning schedule

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen
7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour
(buddhist text) 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social *

* if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time

Huanglong's death

One day, Huanglong entered the hall and addressed the



monks, saying, "This mountain monk has little talent and sparse virtue, yet I've borne the task of being a teacher. So, not being blind to original mind, not deceiving the ancestors, not avoiding birth and death, I now avoid birth and death. Due to not leaving the wheel, I now leave the wheel. That which is not cast off is thus now cast off. That not

realized is now completely realized. Thus the light of Buddhism that has passed down from the World-Honored Great Enlightened One is



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that not a single Dharma can be obtained.
What is it that was transmitted to the Sixth
Ancestor in the dead of night at Huangmei?"

Huanglong then recited the following verse:

*Attaining not attaining,
Transmitting not transmitting,
How can one speak of
Returning to the root and attaining the
essence?
Recalling the leaks in her old dwelling,
To what house does the new bride travel?*

The next day at noon, Huanglong assumed a
cross-legged sitting posture and passed away.
His memorial stupa was placed on the hill
before the temple. He received the
posthumous title "Zen Master Universal
Enlightenment."

The Record of [Huanglong] Huinan -
[Zen's Chinese Heritage: The Masters and Their Teachings](#)
[by Andy Ferguson and Tenshin Reb Anderson](#)

~ upcoming events ~

dharma talks @10:15am, saturdays

hszc speakers

Myō Lahey aug -13,20,27 sept - 3,10,17
Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock - TBD

guest speakers

[Renshin Bunce](#) - [aug 6](#); Shokan Jordan Thorn - sept
24; [Zenshin Greg Fain](#) - [nov 5](#), Ko Shin Steven
Tierney - dec 17;

Temple, Dharma Study, Resident Student Program, Our Practice Schedule, and the Space & Programs offered to the Public.

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sangha council - tues; aug 9th 2016 @ 7:30pm

- council runs for 90 minutes with a break mid-way — we're continuing this format that is flexible enough for a diversity of needs. the primary focus has been recently on operational matters and new programs. the session is open to added topics as well and you do not need to have an 'issue' or overt concern to attend. Council is sangha building, connection and healing. All are welcome

full moon ceremony saturday; august 13 @11am

- some Native American tribes called the august Moon the "Sturgeon Moon" because they knew that the sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this Full Moon. they also called august's Moon the "Full Green Corn Moon."

different tribes had different Moon name preferences. other examples for august are: "Wheat Cut Moon" (San Ildefonso, and San Juan), or "Moon When All Things Ripen" (Dakotah Sioux) or "Blueberry Moon" (Ojibway).

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm - selected Studies of Zen Master Dōgen. see our website for details. So far all have been from the Dōgen Shōbōgenzo version compiled and translated by Kazuaki Tanahashi.

half day retreat - september 17,2016 @ 6am -

contact hszc108@yahoo.com to register for dates offered, we have been offering half day retreats 6am to 1pm, if registered, includes breakfast - following

added dates to be announced. [Please stay in touch here.](#)

closure & schedule changes:

last monday of each month - no morning program,
only evening schedule

closed monday september 5th for Labor Day Holiday

founder monthly memorials - Issan's is the **6th** of each month and Philip's is the **26th** (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) -evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. and Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.

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tendo @hszc 2013

transcribed by sweeping zen -

words from our Abbot, Rev Myo Lahey:

SZ: My next question may seem inappropriate, asking you, as a gay man, to comment on issues faced by the GLBT community in their Zen practice. I say inappropriate because the question assumes you might have special insight on the matter but only for the fact that you are a gay man yourself.

MDL: I wouldn't say there are that many issues faced around here so much. I have encountered various degrees of homophobia and so forth in Dharma practice settings, but not really in the San Francisco Bay area. That is not something you see so much. So my own feeling is that there aren't that many particular issues beyond the fact that members of any minority who are entering in to spiritual practice feel a bit more at home if there is someone else like them



around, you know? If they are the only person of color in a white sangha, or the only gay person in a straight sangha, it can feel a little weird. So, to know and understand that there were other lesbians and gay men in the sangha that I was practicing with was more or less enough, for me. However, I know that there are sanghas where it is not quite so comfortable. For instance, a friend of mine one time wanted to live at another Dharma center here in San Francisco and the resident lama said, "Well, sorry you can't because one of our donors doesn't like gay people. You cannot live here." I was totally shocked by this—it was really bizarre. So, that just goes to show that one can encounter homophobia among Dharma practitioners, too.

[Sweeping Zen interview Dec 2009](#)

website blues: the website was hacked recently (hszc.org) and so the site went down several days, and then finally thanks to the efforts of Shindō N. Strzelczyk it's back up!

Final bit is the dharma talks which are being worked on; when restored you can those via Issanji or Hartford Street Zen Center via itunes or; Here is where to see them on our website: <http://hszc.org/podcasts/>



on august 11, barely after the Moon's First Quarter, it will set by 1:00 A.M. for the perfect environment in which to see the Perseid meteor shower! all indications are that 2016 will be a great year to see this spectacular show of shooting stars.



sangha member Rin McCarthy is walking across the USA again to continue to connect us with the environment and mother earth's cry for help -

"So how is it possible to feel profoundly pessimistic about mankind's chances for longterm survival and the health of the planet, and simultaneously feel an enthusiasm for this particular life and the opportunity to be a 'voice for Gaia'? Buddhism teaches us to embrace paradox, or at least to confront the paradox of universal truths in the context of our life in the chaotic relative world. I have just re-watched the film, 'What the Bleep do we know!?' to remind myself of the universal spiritual and scientific (according to quantum physics) truth of interconnectedness, among other things.

This film also illustrates very poetically that we create our personal reality moment by moment, through the power of our thoughts, choices and intentions. A small, seemingly insignificant act can have a long reach. And an open heart and mind can pave our way, as I learned over and over last year while walking east. " - *Rin - March 2016*

picking up where she left off in Spring 2015 (Colorado) Rin is walking again to reach the east coast.
[Stay in contact with her progress & offer support here!](#)

resident student developments - The HSZC Sangha welcomes Tai & Max to resident student life and practice. Tai joins us from a run at SFZC as a resident student and Max who lived at HSZC a decade ago has a long Buddhist

center past, and come back to the resident student life and practice at hszc. **Welcome to you both** and great to have you be part of the hartford street family!

HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!

thursdays & fridays
10:30am zazen
11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
second weds of each month, 7:30pm





Abbot, hartford street zen center --- Reverend Myō Lahey ---



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